

EAST HENDRED *Bulletin*

Parish Plan – why we need one

Your village needs you (everybody living and working in East Hendred) to contribute to a new Parish Plan.

The last *Plan* (1969) is now out-dated, and a replacement is needed to respond to the changes occurring within and outside the village over the next 10–15 years.

Local changes

Changes to the built and natural environments of the village have occurred for centuries, but typically on a scale and pace that could be absorbed without serious detrimental effects to its appearance. Recently, the pace has accelerated, as people have wanted more living space, to own one or more cars, and to enjoy better educational, leisure and workplace facilities.

Regional changes

In addition, new government policies are likely to have a considerable impact on this part of Oxfordshire. In particular:

- The South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA) 20-year Plan is consulting on whether to build a large number of houses per annum in its area, which stretches from Essex to Oxfordshire. Depending on which alternative is selected, central Oxfordshire (which includes East Hendred), is projected to have from 1,000 to over 2,000 additional houses each year.
- Large housing developments at Didcot and Grove are planned.
- A new reservoir is proposed close to Steventon.

All of these could have a significant impact on local infrastructure, including roads, educational, health, welfare, and leisure provision.

Valuable framework

Reconciling demands for change with ensuring that the character of our beautiful and historic village is not eroded is becoming more complex and challenging. A new *Plan* produced by village people will provide a framework to help the Parish, District and County Councils to respond to government initiatives and to consider planning applications from the village more effectively. In addition, such a *Plan* would provide guidelines for those planning developments in the village.

The local Planning Authority says that it takes account of *Parish Plans* in making its decisions, but our current plan is so out of date that it is no longer relevant. The Vale of White Horse District Council and Oxfordshire Rural Community Council are positively encouraging all local communities to prepare what are now being called *Parish Plans*. Many of our neighbouring villages (e.g. Steventon and Blewbury) have already developed *Plans* or are in the process of doing so. The Parish Council acknowledges the need for an up-to-date *Plan* and has now allocated resources so that it can be drawn up and published over the next 18 months. To ensure that the *Parish Plan* for East Hendred is a true reflection of the views of people living and working in the village, please take this opportunity to contribute to it. Future issues of the *Bulletin* will keep you informed of progress and other ways in which you can help.

Steering Group

The first two steps in the production of a new *Plan* are: Setting up a Steering Group. The Parish Council has initiated the preparation of a *Parish Plan* but a Steering Group, separate from the

Parish Council, is needed and will be responsible for gathering information and preparing the *Plan* for publication. The Steering Group will need to take account of the requirements not only of other published *Plans* (e.g. *Vale Local Plan*) developed over a long period with considerable scrutiny, that affect this and other local villages, but also the guidelines set up for the development of *Parish Plans*. In addition, it is anticipated that the Steering Group will send out another questionnaire focussing on more detailed issues.

The Steering Group should include a range of village representatives in addition to a small number of Parish Councillors. Volunteers are needed for this Group, either as individuals or as representatives of organisations. Village organisations will be asked if they wish to nominate representatives. We are keen that villagers who do not belong to a village organisation but are interested in being directly involved in the *Plan* should come forward, as we particularly want to widen the current small group that is leading this activity. Please contact John Sharp (833367 or j.v.sharp@btinternet.com), if you are interested.

Questionnaire to identify issues

It is crucial that the *Plan* reflects the views of as many residents and local businesses as possible.

A short questionnaire is included in this *Bulletin* to identify the main issues and concerns of those living or working in East Hendred. This questionnaire will also be sent to a wide range of village organisations for their consideration and response. The responses to this questionnaire will provide a starting point for the Steering Group's discussions. **Please take the time to fill in the questionnaire and return it to Hendred Stores or to any Parish Councillor.**

**Ready...
Steady...
Go...**

Judges could be in the village any now for preliminary stages of the *2005 Best Kept Village* competition.

We have a history of success and were a runner-up last year, so please help by keeping your frontages at their best and helping to look after the public areas.

We are already benefiting from those many newly planted roses and it would be great to see everyone giving the village just that extra bit of love and attention.

New Clerk to the Council

We are pleased to announce that Bill Falkenau will take over from Ann Taylor as Parish Clerk, at the end of April. Bill lives in West Hendred and has been the Clerk to Wantage Town Council for the last five years, so is very experienced. He will be supported by his wife, Barbara, who will help with the Clerk's activities. His telephone number is 01235 833475.

The Council is very grateful to Ann Taylor for her hard work and dedication as Clerk for the past eight years.

New reservoir?

It would appear that the new reservoir planned for land close to Steventon is back on the agenda.

The Parish Council has been invited to a meeting with Thames Water for preliminary discussions on these plans. We will keep you informed of progress.

Anyone with views on the reservoir and wanting these to be taken into account is invited to contact the Clerk with their concerns.

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We still stock all the "old favourites", including Hendred honey, wine from the Hendred vineyards and other locally sourced products, such as bacon, sausages, cheese, free-range eggs and cakes.

Our other services include:

- Groceries, fresh bread, milk, fruit and vegetables.
- Newspapers and magazines.
- Organic meat (via Fellers of Oxford).
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— Andrew and Joanne Bunting.

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from the chair

We have been discussing the need for an updated *Parish Plan* over several years. I am pleased that an initiative has now been taken by the Council to produce a new *Plan* (see front page of this *Bulletin* for details). Please take the time to complete the attached questionnaire, as it is very important that the group developing the *Plan* knows the main issues concerning residents and workers in this village. *Parish Plans* are increasingly being recognised for their importance in providing a formal voice for villages' concerns and needs. We are also inviting individuals, or representatives from

organisations, to come forward to be part of the Steering Group preparing the *Plan*.

Our Parish Council Annual General Meeting was held on April 26th in Snells Hall. It was an opportunity to find out what has happened to your village over the last year as well as an occasion to put forward your views on future activities. Unfortunately, few villagers seem to want to be involved. The Parish Council is the first point of call for outside bodies to contact when seeking views on future issues that could impact on this village. In addition, our District and County Councillors are regular attendees at our parish meetings and they report on activities within their own Councils. Thanks were given to our retiring Clerk, Ann Taylor, who has provided very good service to the Council for over eight years. We also

welcomed our new Clerk, Bill Falkenau, who took over from 1 May. We are looking forward to working with him and his wife.

New housing in this village remains an ongoing and controversial issue. Objections were raised by the Parish Council to two recent applications for development in the village Conservation Area. These were also rejected by the Vale Council Planning Committee but subsequently went to appeal. The first for two houses on a site off Newbury Road was accepted by the Appeal inspector, whilst the second for two houses on a site off Fordy Lane was rejected at appeal. The main ground for this rejection was their incursion into a zone of green space through the village, including Snells, the old sewage beds, the lower area of Fordy Lane and the Sports field. This aspect will be considered

in more depth by the Group developing the *Parish Plan* as a result of the comments from the Appeal inspector, defining areas where development will be discouraged in future for the benefit of the village.

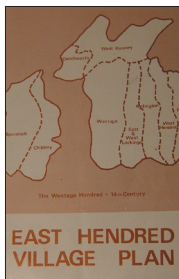
The Hendreds were in a new division for the recent County Council elections (with the Hanneys, Marcham and Steventon). This meant that our previous County Councillor, Richard Farrell, did not stand for this ward. I should like to thank him for his diligent attention to the Hendreds over the last four years. He has attended most of our Parish Council meetings, keeping us informed of County Council activities, often coming along having been at other meetings all day. We look forward to working with our new County Councillor, Iain Brown.

John Sharp

1969 Village Plan

This *Plan* was developed with input from the Berkshire County Council Planning Office and Wantage Rural District Council. It contained several sections that included aspects such as the villages' regional and physical setting, communications, industry and employment, public services, and the old village. A village envelope was proposed, outside of which new development would be discouraged, as well as identifying areas for future tree planting, a new children's play area and additional footpaths. It also included several specific proposals:

- Architectural and historic features should be maintained and their preservation secured for the village, such as the Jesus Chapel and cob and thatch walls.
- The village should be continued within its present village envelope and substantial new development refused.



- The newly-designated *Conservation Area* (agreed in 1967) should be supported and recognised that dwellings within its area would be subject to additional planning control.
- The landscape value of trees was recognised, and tree preservation orders were proposed on certain trees, together with plans for new planting in designated areas of the village.
- The village core should be re-emphasised, for example, clearing and re-establishing Snells as a public space, and securing the old village school as a village hall (now Snells Hall).
- Improved traffic management scheme for village streets.
- Sites were indicated in the plan for car parking and lock-up garages behind the Eyston Arms, planned extension of the sewage works, and old people's bungalows fronting the High Street (opposite the Jesus chapel).

A look at these proposals shows that many (but not all) were implemented in the last 30+ years!

Oxfordshire Rural Community Council

Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) is the County focus for supporting rural communities. It provides support to parishes preparing *Parish Plans* and to the provision of affordable housing. ORCC also helps to support village shops and post offices, and promotes the provision and effective management of village halls. The Parish Council is a member of ORCC, as also is the Snells Hall Committee.

John Sharp (our Parish Council chairman) has recently been appointed to the Executive Board of ORCC.

New playground equipment

A new piece of playground equipment has recently been installed in the Mill Lane playground to replace the see-saw.

Vale of White Horse information

If you pay Council Tax, you will have received several helpful pamphlets listing the dates when holiday periods cause the alteration to refuse and green bin collection days. Please keep these papers in a safe place for future referral.

You will also find information on the removal of old refrigerators, freezers and cars! Please help to keep the village tidy and arrange for the proper disposal of old items no longer in use. After all, one man's wreck can be a village eyesore!

Vale Local Plan

– 2011

An updated version of the Vale Council *Local Plan* is in draft form and is now the subject of a public inquiry. The Parish Council made a number of comments at the stage when requested and we have asked the inspector to take these on board in his scrutiny of the draft *Plan*. Our comments were mainly concerned with affordable housing, and increased traffic on the A417 when the Grove housing expansion takes place.

Parish Council AGM

The Parish Council Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 26 April in Snells Hall. This provided an opportunity to hear of Council activities over the past year, including reports from several Working Groups, as well as from our County and District Councillors and from our schools' Governors. We hope next year to see larger attendance the parish, as the AGM is an important community forum.

Speed limit on the A417

The Parish Council has been trying for several years to get the speed limit on the part of the A417 through our village reduced. The Oxfordshire Highways Authority has listened to our views, but felt that other areas in the County were a higher priority (accident wise!) and that a lower speed limit would be difficult to police. We, with the other local Parish Councils (West Hendred, Ardington-Lockinge), have recently written to the Highways Authority, to try once again to get a reduced speed limit.

We welcome the petition that is being put together by Robert Griffiths (*see elsewhere in this Bulletin*) and hope that this will help encourage the Highways Authority to change its mind.

Dog fouling – AGAIN!!

The Council has again received complaints from residents about dog mess around the village. There are now a number of signs pointing out that a penalty is in force for those who just cannot be bothered to clean up after their dog has performed. Always carry a plastic bag with you to clean up and either take it home or put it in the bins provided around the village. Apart from the mess, if accidentally trodden in, it can cause illness and worse, with young children especially at risk.

Moreover, our Lengthman does not wish to continually clean his mower after cutting grass which has "hidden" dog mess amongst it.

New footpath gate by allotments

With financial help from the County Council and the Parish Council, a new gate has been installed on the footpath close to the allotments. The Hendred Estate has also provided additional fencing, making it difficult for motor cycles to be taken onto the footpath. These have been a problem over the last year, making it unsafe for walkers to use the paths, as well as creating a noise problem. It is clearly marked as a footpath and should not be used by horses, motorcycles or bicycles.

New County election boundaries.

As a result of changes to county election boundaries, the Hendreds will be part of a different division, including Marcham, the Hanneys and Steventon. Previously, we were part of a ward that included Blewbury, Chilton and Harwell.

We objected to the change, at the time, as the Parish Council felt that we had more in common with Harwell and Chilton, but this was overruled. Elections for a new County Councillor for this area took place on 5 May, coinciding with the General Election. As a result of the change in boundaries, our previous County Councillor, Richard Farrell, was no longer able to stand for the Hendreds' ward. The new County Councillor for the Hanneys & Hendreds ward is Iain Brown.

South East England Regional Assembly

Most householders have received a document from South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA) seeking their views on future housing in the SE region, over the next twenty years.

The three options provided are 25,000, 28,000 or 32,000 houses per annum in the region.

Although many of these will be further east, central Oxfordshire is projected to add 1,000 to 2,000 of these additional houses every year.

This will put pressure on local facilities and on the road structure. Please take the opportunity to respond to this questionnaire, as it is our opportunity to have some say in what happens in this region.

Harwell Local Liaison Meeting

Our Parish Council has provided a representative to this *Liaison Meeting* for many years, which has provided an opportunity to influence the UKAEA management on items affecting this parish (e.g. Lydebank brook), as well as being a means of finding out information relevant to the village from activities on the Harwell and Rutherford-Appleton sites.

The Nuclear Decommissioning Agency (NDA), set up by the DTI, is taking over responsibility for decommissioning of radioactive waste across the country, including at the Harwell site. The NDA has been active in modifying the role of the *Local Liaison Committees*, for example, requiring that each Committee is open to the public and is chaired by an independent person. In the past, the chair has been taken by John Wilkins, head of the UKAEA site management.

Over the last few months, a small committee composed from representatives on the Harwell *Local Liaison Committee*, has been set up to oversee these changes, including drafting a new constitution. The Committee has included John Sharp and Terry Fraser (our District Councillor).

The meeting on 9 April appointed a new independent chairman (Terry Fraser), as well as adopting the new constitution for the group, which will in future be called the *Harwell-Chilton Campus Local Stakeholder Group*.

East Hendred Parish Council will continue to have a representative on this Group.

Shrubs, trees and greenery

If your garden has shrubs or trees planted just inside your boundary, but with new season's growth now overhanging footpaths and roadways, please cut back the extra growth to the edge of your property, both for the sake of passers-by and to keep sight lines clear for drivers emerging from side roads and driveways.

From the Local Beat Officer

In the coming months, the Police Exhibition van will be touring some of my Parishes.

It has already visited Lockinge and Ardington, with West Hendred set for Friday 20 May and the East Hendred fete for Saturday 21 May. I will be there on each date, as will our crime prevention adviser, Sarah Merritt. I hope to see a great many of you at each location.

This brings me to *Neighbourhood Watch*. I have done a great deal of work with NHW in East and West Hanney, and am keen to expand this to my other Parishes. I have arranged a meeting for Ardington & Lockinge NHW on Tuesday 26 April. This will be followed later in the year by a meeting for East & West Hendred NHW with a date still to be set for this, so watch this space.

Some of you may have noticed Police Civilian Support Officers (PCSO) out on patrol. Even if you haven't seen them, you should have heard of them as the government is pushing this initiative very hard at the moment, with the aim of improving high-visibility policing. We currently have two PCSOs based at Wantage, and probably more to come in the future. I am of course encouraging them to patrol my villages so, whether you support the idea of PCSOs or not, they are now a fact, so please make them feel welcome if you see them out and about.

Finally, the longer evenings and better weather are now on the way. Whilst this is great news for all, I do not want to find gangs of youths upsetting the elderly, and other residents. By all means, get out and enjoy yourself (after all, we all did!) but if I receive complaints of anti-social behaviour, this will be dealt with, and it will only be your summer ruined.

I can be contacted at the Wantage Beat Office on 01235 776048.

For a crime in progress or life threatening situation, please call 999, or the control room on 0845 8 505 505.

PC 4650 Darren James.

Church news

There's plenty going on this summer in both our churches and, increasingly, both East Hendred churches are coming together. For example, we are celebrating the feast of Pentecost with an ecumenical *Songs of Praise* service at St Augustine's church on 15 May at 6:00pm. Tell us your favourite hymn (forms available now at the back of both churches), then come along to sing it.

Another example will be held on 22 June, at 12:15pm, a Roman Catholic Mass will be held in the **Eyston Chapel in St Augustine's** church. East Hendred is possibly unique in having (for historical reasons) a Roman Catholic chapel inside an Anglican parish church. This lovely chapel has been kept closed for many years but is now once again open as a place for prayer and reflection, and for the celebration of Mass.

There will also be a joint *Quiet Day* on Saturday 17 September, to be held here in the village for anyone who wants to attend, run by the Sisters of St Mary's. Details will be available from both church nearer the time.

St Augustine's Summer Fete will once again be held in the beautiful garden of Cowdray's, Cat Street, in the afternoon of Saturday 4 June. There will be stalls of all descriptions, games and children's activities, music and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there.

Another annual event is the *Barbecue in the Rectory Garden*, this year on Sunday 17 July. You do not have to be a member of the congregation to come to this fun event, at which good food and good company are guaranteed. Phone the Rector, Rev. Rita Ball (833235), for details.

Parish Plan

Don't forget to fill in the attached questionnaire and return it — it is your opportunity to help identify our *Parish Plan* priority issues.

A reminder that our *Sunday Squad* is now running on the third Sunday of each month. Children meet in the "tin hut", just up the Newbury Road near the church, at 10:30am for singing, stories and generally being creative. Everyone welcome.

Ernest Adley's 40th anniversary celebration
Our former Rector, Rev. Ernest Adley, who retired last year, is celebrating the 40th anniversary of his first priesting, at a service at St Peter's Church, Didcot, at 10:00am on Sunday 12 June, to which everyone is warmly invited. Congratulations to Ernest from all of us in his former parish.

Come & Sing

Saturday, 11 June 2005
— 7:30pm at St. Augustine's Church, East Hendred

A large *Come & Sing* choir and three soloists with Michael Evans (organist), conducted by Anthony Gracie, will perform *Parts 1* and 2 of Haydn's wonderful setting of the *Creation*. Rehearsals from 2:00pm.

Further information and tickets are available from the Concert Secretary at Colt Corner, Horn Lane, East Hendred, OX12 8LD, tel 01235 821509.

Profits (which are heavily dependent on the size of the audience) will be shared between Snells Hall and the Parish Church. So, please do come along with your family and friends to *Come & Sing* (or *Come & Listen* to the beautiful music).

Cuckhamsley Scout Group

East Hendred is the home to a thriving and well-established Scout Group, serving the Hendreds, Ardington and Lockinge. The Group recently started a Beaver group, thus taking the ages of its boy and girl members from 6 through to 14.

The sections meet weekly at Snells Hall, with a large number of events organised through the year, including camps, charity fundraising, rock-climbing and making hot air balloons. The Group encourages skills which include Navigation, Map Work, Knots and Lashings.

All sections in our group currently need more leaders — Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Please come along to any meeting to see what we do — no appointment necessary. This could be the start of a whole new chapter in your life. Do not miss this opportunity to banish boring weekends and stay-at-home evenings!

March fundraising events included a 24-hour sponsored sea-saw by the Scouts (50% of funds donated towards tsunami relief) and a sponsored hike around the village by the Cubs and Beavers (75% of funds raised went towards tsunami relief). As part of its Tsunami Appeal, prompt action by the Group resulted in 279 boxes of much-needed supplies being sent out to Indonesia, via the charity Humanity First.

Other recent activities include the Cubs Swimming Gala, an Easter camping weekend in Dartmoor for the Scouts, an off-road cycle rally at Ginge, and the St George's Day Parade in Wantage.

Amongst other items this year, the Group has invested in a new hut at Snells Hall.

King Alfred District Swimming Gala

The Swimming Gala was held at Wantage Leisure Centre on 12 March and the 1st Cuckhamsley Cub pack was represented by Jack Hampson, Clea Creed, Bethan Rose, Gemma Lundyates, Chyavan Rees and Daisy Smith.

The Cubs all swam extremely well and, in their individual races, they all won a certificate for 1st, 2nd or 3rd position out of six competitors. Unfortunately, we had to drop out of the Novelty Relay race due to lack of swimmers but nevertheless Cuckhamsley came 2nd overall, only three points behind the winners (1st Faringdon).

So well done Cuckhamsley, keep practising and maybe next year we will win the trophy!

Fundraising and other activities

Confirmed and potential fundraising events later this year include:

- 14 May **Football competition.**
This will be held at Ardington football ground, with ten teams competing for the trophy. District Cub Scouts in the morning and Scouts in the afternoon.
- 21 May Attendance at **Hendred House Fete**, offering Scout activities, games and managing parking.
- 17 June Group AGM at Snells Hall.

The Group has also registered for **Gift Aid**

Mess tent available for hire

The Group makes available for hire its mess tent, as part of its fundraising.

Contact and section details

Group Leader: Andy Brewer
(01235 861498)

Website: www.1stcuckhamsley.co.uk

Email: cuckhamsley_scouts@hotmail.com

Scouts (aged 10–14 years' old) meet at Snells Hall every Monday, 7pm–9pm

Scout Leader: Richard Tingley
(07771 545006)

Cub Scouts (aged 8–10.5 years' old) meet at Snells Hall every Tuesday, 6.15pm–7.45pm

Cub Leader: Robin Gray
(01235 769787)

Beaver Scouts (6–8 years' old) meet at Snells Hall every Tuesday, 5pm–6pm

Beaver Leader: Deborah Fuller
(01235 769461)

Hendred House Garden Fete

The Hendred House Garden Fete, which is being opened by Henrietta Knight and Terry Biddlecombe, will take place on Saturday 21 May from 12 noon to 4.00pm. Come and spend the afternoon in the beautiful grounds of Hendred House.

There will be many stalls and attractions, from Tombola to China Smashing, Cakes to Face Painting, and Pony Rides to lots of Craft Stalls. The Stalls will be selling Jewellery, Glass Painting, Cards, Second-Hand and New Books, Hats and Scarves.

Why not try your hand at Aunt Sally or Skittles, then soak the will (or not-so-willing!) victim in the Stocks, before visiting the Thames Valley Police display unit and sounding the sirens on the Fire Engine. Then, have a go in the Hot Air Balloon.

Let the kids have an afternoon of fun on the Roller Coaster, the Go Kartz, and sliding down the chute on the giant funfair. Test their fitness on the assault course or have fun on the trampoline, while entering them for the races and games taking place during the afternoon. The *Bizz Kidz* will be entertaining us with their dancing.

Buy a Grand Draw ticket for a chance to win a DVD player and DVDs, a Desk Top Audio System and many more prizes.

Enjoy a Barbeque Lunch, and a drink from the Bar. Refreshments will be served all afternoon.

Will you buy the winning ticket for the "Barrow of Booze"?

Entry to the Fete will be 50p per adult, with under-16's free.

Lots to see and do in a fun-packed afternoon. Remember the date — Saturday 21 May, 12am–4pm — and we'll see you there!

Best Kept Village 2005

The village has entered the *Best Kept Village* competition again. Last year, we were runner-up in our class, which was very encouraging. All residents are requested to put a little bit more effort into the appearance of our village, so that we can do even better this year. The first round of judging will start in early May, so please help keep your frontages tidy.

Hendreds Twinning Group

Our main activity during the summer months is the biannual weekend trip to stay in our twin village of Sarceaux in Normandy (close to Argentan). This will be our seventh visit, and we are promised very generous French hospitality and an interesting selection of visits and social activities during the weekend.

Family accommodation is organised by the Sarceaux Twinning Committee, and they make every effort to match visitors with host families, bearing in mind ages, interests and language ability. It is not necessary to be able to speak French to enjoy the weekend. From past experience, much can be accomplished with a sense of humour, hand gestures and a small dictionary!

Travel is by Barnes Coaches, leaving East Hendred around 7pm. on Friday 1 July, and returning to the village by about 11pm on Monday 4 July. All meals and accommodation in Sarceaux are provided by our host families, with the sea crossing and return by P&O from Portsmouth to Le Havre.

The weekend is exceptionally good value, costing £75 for adults and £25 for children under 16 years, with an additional cost of £16 for the whole of a four-berth *en suite* porthole cabin on the outward journey, also £5 per family for annual membership of the Twinning Group.

Four places remain on the coach at the time of writing so, if you would like to join the trip, please contact Margaret Sharp (Secretary, 833367), Hilary Dorling (833636) or Kate Nicoll (Deputy Chairman, 833473) as soon as possible for an application form.

Fund raising and social activities planned for the next few months include a stall selling food with a French theme at the *Hendred Fête* on 21 May, and a similar stall at the *Family Show* on September 4th. Another of the popular *Family Quiz* evenings is also being planned.

East and West Hendred W.I.

The W.I. is flourishing, with 26 members enjoying a wide variety of meetings, social events and outings.

Four car loads of members recently took advantage of *The Times* promotion of "Eat out for £5" and chose the Shillingford Bridge Hotel for a very pleasant — and excellent value — lunch in their Riverside Restaurant overlooking the Thames. We were lucky to select a lovely sunny spring day, and all enjoyed the outing. It is hoped to arrange another similar expedition in the next few weeks.

Our April meeting was different, since we had a "behind the scenes" visit to the Waitrose supermarket in Wantage. The manager, Mr Rudd, and two of his staff gave us interesting accounts of staff benefits and conditions, followed by tutored tastings of various selected pairs of wines and cheeses currently on sale in the shop.

The programme below illustrates the variety of interesting topics for meetings in the next few months:

- 19 May** Discussion of Resolutions to be voted on at the National W.I. A.G.M. in London, followed by: Marie-France Burton, Wantage Counselling Service
 - 16 June** Catherine Hitchins, *Family History and the Registration Service*
 - 21 July** Lily Sell *Circle Dancing* (wear flat shoes!)
 - 25 Aug.** (change of date) *Summer Garden Party* at Jill Broadley's (Penang, Orchard Close)
 - Sept.** (date TBC) *Church Crawl* with Norman Francis
 - 15 Sept.** Jane Dipple, *Batik Dyeing* (a "hands on" evening)
 - 20 Oct.** Joelle Mann-Bourcart, *Holographic Repatterning*
- Meetings are usually held in Snells Hall on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm, except where indicated otherwise.*
- New members** are assured of a friendly welcome. The subscription for the year to December 2005 is £21.

Battle of Trafalgar — 200th anniversary commemoration

The weekend of 21–23 October will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the *Battle of Trafalgar*, one of Britain's most famous naval victories. Commemorative events are planned across the country, including beacons, church services, church bells ringing, and festivities. The first beacon will be lit in Portsmouth, alongside Nelson's flagship, *HMS Victory*. East Hendred has been invited to take part, following our participation in previous national events, such as the *Millennium* celebrations and the *Golden Jubilee* in 2003. Any individual or organisation interested in being involved in this celebration is invited to contact John Sharp (833367 or J.V.Sharp@btinternet.com).

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2007 is planned to be a special year for Oxfordshire, with emphasis on festivals and special events linked to the cultural life of the City and the County of Oxford. It is supported by the County Council, Oxford City Council and the Arts Council of England. Involvement of the schools in the County is also planned. The Parish Council has received early information and meetings have already taken place for people planning to organise events. At these, initial ideas are being discussed for the "Special Year". Watch out for further information as the planning stage progresses. Some details are already available on the website, www.oxfordinspires.org

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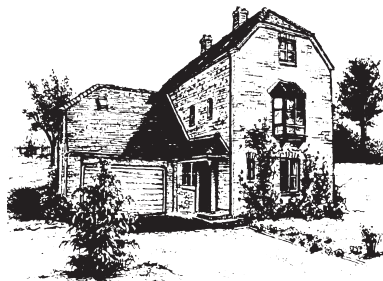
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East Hendred Community Centre

The car park extension is now finished, apart from the sowing of a mixture of meadow flowers seed on the slopes leading down to the Penney Play Park. It is expected that, in time, this will vastly improve the appearance of the banking. The total cost of the project, almost £15,000, has been met by grants from the Millennium Commission, Oxfordshire County Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and East Hendred Parish Council, with the balance from our own funds. We would wish to express our grateful thanks to all of these for their financial support. Praise and thanks are also very much due to Phil Hodgson and Nigel Long of Glanvilles, who provided a great deal of professional help with site surveys and advice about construction details of the overflow car park, which was originally designed by Bogdan Nedelkoff.

We are also indebted to Julian Gold and the Hendred Farm Partnership for all of their arduous efforts to initiate and complete this enterprise to such a high standard.

This facility is of considerable value to our larger bookings and the twice-daily use, during term time, by parents of children at

The Hendreds School, by helping to prevent overspill onto nearby roads. A swing barrier has also been now installed, which will be used when safety or security are compromised.

Bookings at Snells Hall are almost at saturation level and this is making heavy demands on our efforts to clean and maintain the fabric of the buildings. A repair and renewal programme has been instigated and, following the repairs and replacements mentioned in the last *Bulletin*, Philip Amor of Downland Scapes has replaced a number of broken paving slabs in the patio and grouted the whole area. Meanwhile, John Darby and his team from Millbrook Property Services have conducted a major clean of windows inside and outside of the Hall and removed dust and cobwebs from difficult to reach places in the vaulted roof.

We are also planning to have the Main Hall and other rooms redecorated during the early Summer, when bookings permit.

Snells Hall is widely recognised and admired as an excellent village facility and we would ask all users to assist by leaving the premises in a clean and tidy condition after their events. It is often not possible to provide assistance before and after back-to-back events.

peppercorn rent for 21 years.

However, times had changed, including the arrival of business rates as well as higher rentals, which placed an unjustifiable burden on the Council, who had run the building as a meeting place, village library and museum.

Fortunately, village Trustees were then found, enabling the continued existence of the Museum, a situation that has continued over the last ten years. Steady progress has been made to improve the access to village archives, and additions to the collection have meant an increasing workload and the need for additional volunteer helpers.

Something of that progress was shown prior to the AGM period, when the accounts and reports were presented.

A417...not a serious risk?

Speaking to local residents paints a clear picture: **people are having to take risks when entering and leaving our village.** The speed and volume of traffic along the A417 means that residents face great difficulty, especially when trying to join the A417 at the village entrance. At peak times, large queues of traffic build up along White Road. This is especially relevant in East Hendred, where many vehicles converge on the village at the same time to either deliver, or collect, their children at our primary schools. In these situations, motorists naturally become frustrated and take risks that they would otherwise avoid.

After speaking with residents living along the A417, an even more worrying picture emerges. Many residents feel that it is impossible to access their properties safely with cars moving at 50mph or faster. Several residents living along the A417 have young families and are deeply concerned that their children are put at risk by traffic speeding past their homes. This is not really surprising when you realize that residents have already had minor crashes with passing traffic whilst trying to exit their homes. One resident, incredibly, escaped injury when a vehicle overturned onto its roof and crashed into their garden. It seems likely that it is only a matter of time until minor incidents and near misses are overshadowed by

a serious accident in our village.

Mrs Anne Geach, who lives along the A417, has pursued this issue for some time through local Councillor, Mr Richard Farrell. Mr Farrell's support and consultation with the Highways Department has been invaluable but, unfortunately, it appears that we remain a non-priority case and will have to put up with this situation for some time to come.

The Parish Council has been playing its part in this issue and recently submitted a letter to the Highways Department (along with other near-by villages) regarding the road speed limit. In light of efforts to date, a petition has now been started. Hopefully, this will convey the strength of feeling held by local residents concerning the present speed limit past the village. Many villagers have already signed their support and we will endeavour to reach the rest of the village soon.

In addition to the petition, we will be forwarding a folder of personal experiences, views and letters from local residents to the Highways Department. Any contributions to the folder will be greatly appreciated.

Please send all correspondence to:

Mrs A Griffiths, Portway, Reading Road, East Hendred, Wantage OX12 8JD (Robjgriff@yahoo.co.uk) or Mrs Anne Geach, Lynwood, Reading Road, East Hendred, Wantage, OX12 8JD (anne.geach@btopenworld.com).

East Hendred Heritage Trust: 10th anniversary celebrations

Snell's Hall, Saturday 30 April, was followed by an AGM East Hendred Heritage Trust is celebrating its tenth anniversary, having taken over the Chapel Museum in 1995.

There had previously been a Museum in the Chapel but, in 1995, the Parish Council decided it was no longer appropriate to retain the lease of Champs Chapel from the Hendred Estate, which under Mr T.M. Eyston had restored the building from dereliction, in 1974, and then leased it to the Council on a

Stop Press — grant success!

Home Front Recall oral history is part of a national initiative supported by the BigLottery Fund and the Heritage Trust has qualified for a grant to fund digital recording.

Editing help needed

Digital recordings last longer, are clearer and can more easily be copied and shared within places like schools and libraries. Equipment is being purchased but people with editing talents are needed.

Special Home Front Recall weekend event at Snells Hall

The project proposal includes a special event to listen to memoirs and to discuss those times, which will be held over the weekend of 19–20 November in Snell's Hall.

This event will also provide the opportunity to purchase historic souvenir CDs and to trigger more memories.

The financial support that gets the project off the ground is in the bank, together with an added contribution from UKAEA — so now for the will to achieve a target and prove village ability!

East Hendred 2006 Parish Plan Questionnaire

Introduction to East Hendred Parish Plan (May 2005)

You will have read in the main part of the *Bulletin* the background to the preparation of a *Parish Plan*. This brief questionnaire designed is to provide the initial Working Group with a list of priority topics for development within the *Plan*. Please tick any of these topics that you consider important for this village, and please provide a brief explanation of why you are concerned.



- Transport** (e.g. public transport, parking, pavements, speeding, access to the A417, access to medical services)

- Housing** (e.g. social/affordable housing, retirement housing, location of housing)

- Village Facilities** (e.g. village shop, post office, churches, village hall, sports ground and facilities, schools, allotments, clubs/societies, village college, adult education)

- Policing and Security** (e.g. anti-social behaviour, Neighbourhood Watch, courtesy lighting)

- Employment** (e.g. local job opportunities, tourism, conversion to offices)

- Environment** (e.g. Snells, green space in village, footpaths, cycle paths, wild life, air quality, recycling)

- Heritage** (e.g. village museum, war memorial, conservation area)

- Other** (please specify)

- Please indicate if you would be interested in being actively involved in the development of the plan:

Name (**optional**, unless wishing to be involved)

Tel no.

Please return your completed questionnaire to the Village Shop or to any Councillor, not later than 31 May. Thanks

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Hendred's "Home Front 1939-45" Recall

New Chapel exhibition

now open. This year's new exhibition by Hendred Heritage commemorates the role of the Hendreds and its inhabitants during the immense challenges and changes caused by the second world war.

Hendred, at the outbreak of the war, was largely an agricultural community, but its residents quickly became very closely connected with air fields, munitions factories, and war work, as well as accommodating school children and office and laboratory workers evacuated from London.

Those changes set the scene for an even greater social upheaval when Harwell was converted overnight from an active airfield into a secret research establishment, at the end of 1945.

The Chapel Museum will be extending the exhibits throughout the year, and we hope to collect further personal stories from those who played a part, to complement static displays that commemorate specific Home Front events.

These *Oral History* recordings will provide a unique comment

on Berkshire life during a time of great change. The general knowledge of village happenings is there, as is much physical memorabilia; but if you were there or have

think of him as a national sporting personality at the time?

Are there any **Land Girls** about who remember being billeted in the huts on Ludbridge Hill or on local



knowledge, we need your personal touch with a few specifics, such as jogging the memory about people and events. Few first-hand memories remain, so now is the time to collect the record for posterity.

A few examples...

Does **E MacDonald Bailey**, who we now understand to be back in his West Indies home, remember his sojourn here with the RAF? How many of us remember him and his subsequent record-breaking achievements as a runner? Did we

farms? Perhaps some then-**visiting service personnel** still keep in touch with present residents and remember the delights of the Plough, or the dances in the Village Hall?

For some service men, such memories might be better than those of actually returning to Harwell, after a raid, when dodging the trees on **the Ridgeway**. What about a Glider Pilot who landed up there in error during training?

Did you serve in or around the **MG Car Company** in Abingdon,

to help produce the tanks that were tested on our ancient prehistoric highway, the Ridgeway, where four-wheel drive motors were so recently banned in winter?

At **Milton Hill**, the previous home of Sir Mortimer Singer and partly in our parish, an international oil company set up a wartime evacuation centre for its offices and laboratories from Central London. Do the words "*Anglo*" or even "*Pool Petrol*" mean special things to you?

At Didcot and Milton — now the home of a Power Station and Milton Park — **Army and Air Force Ordnance Depots** and Stores thrived, served from the Midlands and the West by the Great Western Railway.

Do you remember Orchard Stables being used for billets and the Oak Room as a **NAFI canteen**?

Like most villages, we know we have a story to record that will add a chapter to our past, so please help with our Museum project if you have memories or contacts. Norman Francis has already carried out some interviews, we need more. We are searching for voices, too — owners of voices who are prepared to capture their memories, in their own words, onto audio record, rather than the less-personal printed text.

The Sheard painting returns



once hung over the Headmasters desk), later to return to the Chapel.

During its restoration work, a previous application of varnish proved truly difficult stuff to remove and our restorer is also

Left: Mrs Verena Black, nee Borwick, unveiling the restoration work in front of a large audience. **Below:** Sally Gregory, nee Watts, daughter of Eleanor Chasney, and her cousin, Mrs Allen, daughter of Rene Chasney, look at the image of their bygone relatives.



The Sheard Painting, sometimes called the *Jumble Sale*, sometimes the *Village Feast*, is one of the village collection's special archives and it returned to the village on the weekend of 30 April after restoration work. It was briefly on show in the village school location (where it

found that there were areas of significant damage that had been masked with black paint and filler. However, many unexpected colours also emerged.

It is good to see the painting back in its new case in Champs Chapel and we continue gather together the true history of those who are illustrated so vividly, as well as details of Professor Sheard himself.

Fire Pump home nears completion

We are pleased to report that the new Fire Pump building at Snells Hall now has its final planning permission and the surrounds are almost complete.

Receipt of the grant donated by the Vale of White Horse District Council now releases funds for the final touches, which will collect together and display what we know of the chequered history of our Fire Pump, which was bought by the village overseers in 1831. The display is along the front of the building, so that visitors can learn more of its origins.

All that will then remain is to ensure that the Pump itself is maintained in working order and to give the building a second coat of paint.

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Hendreds Croquet Club

The Hendreds Croquet Club was scheduled to hold its first meeting this year on 6 May at Kings Manor, East Hendred and afterwards at the Eyston Arms. There was due to be a warming-up session on John Clements' lawn, followed by a glass of *Pimms*.

The Croquet Club also encourages that well known game of Boules (*Petanque*), so, while some of us might not be quite so perfect with ball and mallet, we could try our hand at pitch and toss! Watch out Ardington, we're coming...

Contact Gavin on 01235 833217 for further details.

Grove Rugby Club

Now recruiting for '05/'06 season

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Please contact Edward Boddington (bod@oldfarmhouse.tv; 861509) for further information.

Hendred Sports Club

The advent of spring marks the usual seasonal change from winter to summer sports at Mill Lane.

With yet another successful football season nearly over, attention turns to the cricketers and tennis players of the village.

The adult football clubs maintained their league positions with all three enjoying extended cup runs.

The newly-formed boys' football teams also performed admirably in their first season — in fact, the boys teams introduction was so successful that it caused major complaints from the Mill Lane residents due to overflowing car parking! Despite negative comments, the installation of strategically-placed "No Parking" cones soon cured the problem and allowed some 50 to 60 youngsters the chance to play and train regularly on Saturday morning.

Due to the amount of activity played on the sports ground, the playing surface required much springtime maintenance work to repair the ground from the effects of heavy traffic and over crowding. This, combined with recent interior pavilion kitchen improvements, produced a heavy workload for the few volunteers who manage the club facilities — any new helpers would be very much welcomed.

Thanks should be mentioned to Alan and Lorraine Valentine, of the *Plough*, who kindly allowed match day parking in their car park, and to Denis and Sue Mulford for their donation of the new kitchen units. After a turbulent winter, the Committee massively appreciate the support offered by a few villagers and looks forward to a brighter, more neighbourly summer.

Parish Plan

Don't forget to fill in the attached questionnaire and return it — it is your opportunity to help identify our *Parish Plan* priority issues.

East and West Hendred Cricket Club

This season, the Cricket Club celebrates its 25th year, since reforming in 1980, and to mark this anniversary the Club ventures on yet another ambitious season to continue its progressive future plans.

The entire club organisation is well on its way to achieving the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) *Clubmark*-accreditation award, a national and formal "quality standard", which will certify that the organisation has the approved number of coaches, an active welfare and "safe hands" policy and has achieved the required standards requested by ECB headquarters at Lord's.

On the playing front, the club is building on last season's success by re-entering 1st and 2nd XI League sides into the Oxfordshire Cricket Board (OCA) league, while continuing friendly fixtures on Sundays. The youth section continues its expansion by entering our first ever under-11's youth league side into the Oxfordshire midweek league, under-14's youths will also be playing in a new local midweek league competition.

Potential new players are most welcome. Net practise has been available from February to mid-April at Willowbrook Sports Centre, Didcot, and, after mid-April, Wednesday evenings are arranged for youth coaching followed by adult net practise.

You will see from all of this activity that the club has a secure standing and a positive outlook for the future. Nevertheless, we would welcome more village support from players or interested volunteers, to ensure that the next 25 years are as successful as the last.

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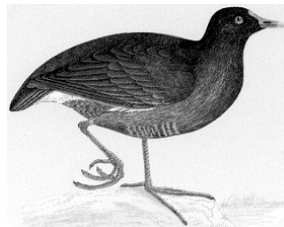
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Planning Matters

Since the Winter *Bulletin*, the Parish Council has been asked to comment on the following Planning Applications from the Vale District Council:

Erection of a **garden room/conservatory at The Old Post Office** in The High Street. The Council did not object but hoped that materials used were suitable for a building in the Conservation Area, and the Vale Planning Department approved.

Erection of a **dwelling adjacent to Green Meadows in Mill Lane**. Councillors felt that this would be a large building and, in view of its prominent position on the edge of the village, requested that the roof line be kept low. The Vale Planners approved the application, bearing in mind comments that the Parish Council had made when the application was originally received, in respect of the closeness to the stream. The Vale has asked to see samples of the materials to be used. (NB: this is quite a normal procedure.)

Request for **additional windows and a roof light on the new house being built in Cat Street** (to the rear of Penney Green) received no objections, provided frosted glass was used, and approved by the Vale Planners.

Erection of a **three-car garage at Fordybrook Farm** has been sought and the Parish Council considered that a *Clause 106* requirement be placed on any permission to ensure that the garage was not used as a dwelling in the future. No response to this application has yet been received from the Vale.

The **Hendred Estate** received permission for amended fenestration to the centre section of the southern elevation of the barn being refurbished on its premises.

Construction of a **footpath from Fordy Lane, through Snells**, to the Snells Hall car park, for the benefit of pupils from The Hendreds School. This matter has been considered by School governors and councillors for some time, since the route from the car park to the school does not have a continuous footpath along Church Street, as it peters out by the Rectory. It was decided that the safer route would be via Fordy Lane, through Snells, which is owned by the Hendred Estate. Councillors were happy to find a safe solution for the children and the Vale Planners have agreed to a footpath, although the final route has yet to be agreed by all the parties involved, i.e. Hendred Estate, Snells Hall Committee, Parish Council and School Governors.

Councillors met on site to discuss proposals for an extension and a new garage at **Brightwell House, off the Reading Road**, and did not object, but requested that the Vale Planners considered a *Section 106* be placed on the new extension to prevent it being used as a dwelling in the future, and the Vale Planners have agreed to make such a ruling.

Permission was received for the extension at **The Sun Dial, Horn Lane** and, again, Vale Planners wished to see samples of materials to be used.

Extension and alterations to Cobbler's Cottage in Cat Street. Councillors discussed amended plans for these proposals at their January meeting, but objected, on the grounds that the new extension was out of keeping with the existing building and projected to the side in such a way that it intruded on the village scene. The Council understands that parking will be made deeper into the property, so that cars do not protrude on to the footpath.

A new set of plans for **Rowstock Cottage** were discussed and although Councillors were pleased to note that the original cottage would not be demolished, they felt that the new proposal would put a very large extension on a relatively small cottage in such a way that it destroyed the character of this very good and rare example of vernacular local architecture of a small, labourer's cottage of cob, brick and thatch.

Proposals for a **Mast for Orange** Communications on the southern edge of Aldfield Farm were considered. The Hendred Estate had proposed a site nearer to the Harwell Business Centre, and Orange had agreed to move the mast to the edge of the farm. The Parish Council did not object and the plans have since been passed.

The Parish Council was asked to consider plans for **five houses on the "Japanese Connection"** site adjacent to the Acorn Garage. (East Hendred is a neighbour to the site, which is actually served by Milton Parish Council.) There were concerns that the extra new antenna, recently agreed to, on the BT tower were close to the site and the Council asked that these be taken into consideration, whilst observing that there could be over development of the site. (No comment from the Vale, as yet.)

A site meeting was held to view proposed rear extensions to **13 Newbury Road**, but councillors considered that these would not be seen from the road and the roof level kept low.

The Parish Council often raises concerns with the District Planners on items for which no application has been received, to check work being undertaken on a property is in order. Not all alterations to properties need planning approval but, should residents have queries on what they intend to add to their homes, always talk to the District Planning Department first — even work on trees and hedges may need approval, particularly if you live in the Conservation Area.

Parish Council

Council meetings are held in Snells Hall at 8pm on the second Tuesday of each month. An Open Forum, in which parishioners may ask questions, starts at 8.30pm.

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Sunday

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REFUSE COLLECTION

Dustbin Collection

Friday

Recycling (Green Boxes)

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11.25 - 11.40am

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December 2004–Spring 2005

MAY 2005

- Early– **Best Kept Village 2005 competition**, first round of judging starts
 Thu 19 **WI** - National AGM discussions, followed by Marie-France Burton, Wantage Counselling Serv.
 Sat 21 *Hendred House Fete*, 12:00–16:00

JUNE 2005

- Sat 4 *St Augustine's Summer Fete*, Cowdrays pm
 Sat 11 *Come & Sing*, 7.30pm, St. Augustine's (rehears 2pm+)
 Sun 12 **Ernest Adley 40th ann.**, St Peter's Didcot 12am
 Thu 16 **WI** – *History of Old Wantage*, Ruby Moody
 Fri 17 Scout Group AGM, Snells Hall
 Wed 22 **RC mass at Eyston Chapel** (St Augustine's)

JULY 2005

- 1–4 *Sarceaux Exchange Weekend* (Twinning Grp)
 Sun 17 *Barbecue in the Rectory Garden*
 Thu 21 **WI** – *Circle Dancing* (flat shoes!), Lily Sell

AUGUST 2005

- Thu 25 **WI** – *Summer Garden Party* at Jill Broadley's

SEPTEMBER 2005

- Sun 4 **Hendreds' Family Show**
 Sun 4 **Grove Rugby Club** new season starts
 Thu 15 **WI** – *Batik Dyeing*, Jane Dipple
 Sat 17 St Mary's-St Augustine's **Quiet Day**
TBC **WI** – *Church Crawl* with Norman Francis

OCTOBER 2005

- Thu 20 **WI** – *Holographic Repatterning*, J. Mann-Bourcart
 21–23 Battle of Trafalgar — 200th ann., beacon

NOVEMBER 2005

- 19–20 *Home Front Recall* oral history recording

Regular Events

MONDAY

- Hendred Ladies Swimming Club** (Val Bacon, 833403)
Dancing class 4–5pm, Snells Hall
Karate 5.30–7pm, Snells Hall
Junior Football 6.30–7.30pm Mill Lane Sports Ground (Ian Rees)

Tuesday

- Scouts** 7–9pm, Snells Hall (Richard Tingley, 07771 545006)
Cub Scouts 6.15–7.45pm, Snells Hall (Robin Gray, 769787)
Beaver Scouts 5–6pm, Snells Hall (Deborah Fuller, 769461)

WEDNESDAY

- Mother & Toddler Group**, 10–12am Snells Hall (Karen Borland, 821548)
Bowls 7.45–10pm, Snells Hall (Ken Taylor, 833359)
Stretch & Flex 4–4.45pm, Snells Hall (Nadine Hunt, 811961)

THURSDAY

- Brownies**, Snells Hall (Linda Harris, 832691)

SATURDAY

- Soccer School**, Mill Lane Rec (Glyn Evans, 770372, 07881932459, or glynsoccerschool@aol.com)

WEEKDAYS

- Pre-school**, every morning, 9–12am Snells Hall (Jan Marples, 821422)

MONTHLY

- Snells Hall Management Meeting**, 8pm
1st Tuesday in the Gallery
Downs Golden Age, Snells Hall
1st Thursday (Betty Holliday, 833400)
Parish Council Meeting, 8pm
2nd Tuesday
WI, 7.30pm
3rd Thursday

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Mary

St. Mary's, East Hendred
 Tel: 833269

Sunday Mass

9.30am St Mary's, East Hendred

Parish Church of St Augustine of Canterbury

Rector: Rev. Rita Ball
 Tel: 833235

Parish Communion

10.30am Each Sunday

Family Communion

10.30am 1st Sunday
(Children are welcome at all our services but will find this service particularly appealing.)

Holy Communion

11.00am Every Thursday

Sunday Squad

10.30am 3rd Sunday
(Fun stuff for children.)

The Bulletin

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